



**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Aaron I. Vinik et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1653  
Application Serial No. 09/709,585 ) Examiner: Karen Cochrane Carlson  
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For: INGAP PROTEIN INVOLVED IN PANCREATIC ISLET NEOGENESIS

**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final office action mailed September 17, 2003, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the pending claims. Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 25, 26, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, as shown below. Please cancel claims 2, 13, 17, and 18. Previously we attempted to add claims 29-36, but they were not in the proper format; they are formally added here. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-16, and 19-36 are thus pending. Please enter the following amended claim set which replaces all previous sets.